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-- PROVISION

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1. IN CONTINUING SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS ON MEAT, DEPARTMENT HAS ENCOUNTERED FIRM OPPOSITION TO EITHER REGIONAL REALLOCATION FORMULA AS REPORTED REFTEL OR ALTERNATIVE DELETION OF SHORTFALL REALLOCATION PROVISION. BOTH GOVERNMENTS INSISTED STRONGLY THAT: A) OMISSION OF SHORTFALL PROVISION NOT ONLY LEFT US FREE TO REALLOCATE SHORTFALLS IN 1976--SHOULD ANY OCCUR--IN A MANNER LESS FAVORABLE TO THEM THAN PRO RATA SHARES BUT ALSO PREJUDICED INCLUDING THIS (IN THEIR VIEW) IMPORTANT PROVISION IN FUTURE AGREEMENTS; B) AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS HAD OVERCOME THEIR DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO THE 1976 RESTRAINT LEVELS INSISTED UPON BY THE US BY POINTING OUT THAT WHILE INITIAL LEVELS ARE LOWER THAN SHIPMENTS MADE IN 1975, THEY ARE ABOVE 1975 INITIAL LEVEL AND SHIPMENTS COULD INCREASE IN THE EVENT OF SHORTFALLS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS. THUS, THEY COULD NOT AGREE TO PREJUDICING THEIR ABILITY TO SHARE EQUALLY WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN ANY SHORTFALLS.
2. IN ORDER TO GET AUSTRALIA'S AND NEW ZEALAND'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE, WE MUST THEREFORE INCLUDE 1975 LANGUAGE ON ALLOCATION OF SHORTFALLS IN 1976 AGREEMENTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS; I.E., SUCH SHORTFALLS AS MAY ARISE WILL BE ALLOCATED GLOBALLY AMONG NON-SHORTFALL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN PROPORTION TO THEIR INITIAL ALLOCATIONS. THIS SHOULD ACCOMMODATE CONCERN OF MEXICO REPORTED MEXICO CITY 4895. OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD REFLECT ABOVE POSITION IN ANY DISCUSSION THEY MAY HAVE WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, BUT MAY USE THEIR DISCRETION IN TAKING INITIATIVE TO INFORM GOVERNMENTS OF THIS POSITION.
3. TEXT OF 1976 AGREEMENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED FOR SIGNATURE BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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